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STANDPATTERS ALERT.—There is always danger to the people politically during hard times. The forces of Special Privilege work while the people sleep and are always on the alert to seize every opportunity that presents itself. Already we hear the old slogan of "A Full Dinner Pail," and it is started by the very men who helped empty it. They know that the time to appeal to a workingman's stomach is when it is empty; for too often the head is empty when the stomach is.

Aldrich, who for years ruled the U. S. senate for the benefit of Special Privilege, ducked when the people began to get their hands on their own government. But now that a gigantic war in Europe has upset business all over the world, Aldrich sees a chance to fool the people again with his yells for a high tariff and a full dinner pail. So he is about to trot out Elihu Root as the G. O. P. candidate for president. And Root is the man who played Mark Hanna in the Chicago convention in 1912 and ran the steam roller over progressive Republicans.

The inference is that followers of the Bull Moose are now ready to kneel down and kiss the hand that smote them.

Things look dark for Wilson just now, but if business keeps on picking up and the mills and factories be-

gin to hum, that old Hanna slogan will fail of its purpose. This is a swift old world nowadays. Things happen fast. You never can bet on the people feeling as glum next year as they seem to feel this year.

A quick peace in Europe, with a rapid revival of industry and business, will check the swing of the pendulum toward reaction and start it the other way again. If that happens it won't be so easy to make the folks believe that tariff revision downward is responsible for all the economic ills that followed in the wake of that war.

It isn't safe in 1915 to count votes that won't be cast until November, 1916. Lots of things can happen in the meantime.

SHORT ONES

Look out, boys, Wall street is in again.

Paris has barred the tango. It also is trying to bar the goose step.

A Virginia, Minn., couple got married in a morgue. It usually takes a bridal couple two months to feel that way.

New York has voted for the 30-hour day; at least the legislature voted to increase the working hours of women.

Truth may be stranger than fiction but if this war keeps on the correspondents will give truth a hard rub to hold its lead.

That Cleveland man who discovered that drums have souls is right; the one we gave our small boy last Christmas is a lost soul.

John D. Rockefeller's auto hit a Tarrytown boy. Lucky boy. If we ever get hit by an auto it will belong to a bankrupt who bought it on the instalment plan.

Henry Parish of the New York Life Insurance company retired and some one strove to make a sensation out of the fact that he hated telephones and typewriters. To us this is proof that Mr. Parish hated delays.